

WE CLAIM:

1. A method for treating conditions or disorders which can be alleviated by reducing food intake in a subject comprising administering to said subject a therapeutically effective amount of an exendin or an exendin agonist.

2. The method according to claim 1 wherein said exendin or exendin agonist is administered parenterally.

3. The method according to claim 2 wherein said parenteral administration is by injection.

4. The method according to claim 3 wherein the injection is a peripheral injection.

5. The method according to claim 1 wherein about 10 μ g-30 μ g to about 5mg of the exendin or exendin agonist is administered per day.

6. The method according to claim 1 wherein about 10 μ g-30 μ g to about 2 mg of the exendin or exendin agonist is administered per day.

7. The method according to claim 1, wherein about 30 μ g to about 500 μ g of the exendin or exendin agonist is administered per day.

8. The method of claim 1 wherein said condition or disorder is obesity.

9. The method of claim 1 wherein said condition or disorder is Type II diabetes.

10. The method of claim 1 wherein said subject is

human.

11. The method of claim 1 wherein said condition or disorder is an eating disorder.

12. The method of claim 1 wherein said condition or disorder is insulin-resistance syndrome.

13. A method for reducing the appetite of a subject comprising administering to said subject an appetite-lowering amount of an exendin or an exendin agonist.

14. A method for reducing the weight of a subject comprising administering to said subject a therapeutically effective amount of an exendin or an exendin agonist.

15. A method for lowering plasma lipids comprising administering to said subject a therapeutically effective amount of an exendin or an exendin agonist.

16. The method according to any of claims 1-15 wherein said exendin is exendin-3.

17. The method according to any of claims 1-15 wherein said exendin is exendin-4.

18. The method according to any of claims 1-15 wherein said exendin agonist is selected from the group consisting of exendin-4 (1-30), exendin-4 (1-30) amide, exendin-4 (1-28) amide, ¹⁴Leu,²⁵Phe exendin-4 amide, ¹⁴Leu,²⁵Phe exendin-4 (1-28) amide, and ¹⁴Leu,²²Ala,²⁵Phe exendin-4 (1-28) amide.

19. The method according to any of claims 1-15, further comprising administering a therapeutically effective

amount of one or more compounds selected from the group consisting essential of an amylin agonist, a leptin, and a CCK.

5 20. The method according to any of claims 1-15 wherein said exendin agonist is an exendin agonist according to Formula I.

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 21. The method according to any of claims 1-15 wherein said exendin agonist is an exendin agonist according to Formula II.

10 22. The method according to any of claims 1-15 wherein said exendin agonist is an exendin agonist according to Formula III.

15 23. A pharmaceutical composition for use in the treatment of conditions or disorders associated with hypernutrition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of an exendin or exendin agonist in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

 24. The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 21, wherein said exendin is exendin-3.

20 25. The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 21 wherein said exendin is exendin-4.

25 26. The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 21 wherein said exendin agonist is selected from the group consisting of exendin-4 (1-30), exendin-4 (1-30) amide, exendin-4 (1-28) amide, ¹⁴Leu, ²⁵Phe exendin-4 amide, ¹⁴Leu, ²⁵Phe

exendin-4 (1-28) amide, and ¹⁴Leu, ²²Ala, ²⁵Phe exendin-4 (1-28) amide.

27. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 21 wherein said therapeutically effective amount is a therapeutically effective amount for a human subject.

28. A pharmaceutical composition for use in reducing the appetite of a subject comprising a therapeutically effective amount of an exendin or exendin agonist in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

29. A pharmaceutical composition for use in reducing the weight of a subject comprising a therapeutically effective amount of an exendin or exendin agonist in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

30. A pharmaceutical composition for use in lowering the plasma lipid level of a subject comprising a therapeutically effective amount of an exendin or exendin agonist in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

31. The pharmaceutical composition according to any of claims 21-28, further comprising a therapeutically effective amount of one or more compounds selected from the group consisting essentially of an amylin agonist, a leptin, and a CCK.

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